

Saint John the Baptist Parish

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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The Lord feeds us -
he answers all our needs

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Masses
Saturday Vigil:
5:00 p.m.

Sunday:
8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m.

Monday thru Friday:
8:30 a.m.

Saturday:
8:30 a.m.

**Sacrament of
Penance**
By appointment only

**Sacrament of
Marriage**
Make arrangements six months
prior to wedding

**Sacrament of
Baptism**
Every Sunday
after the 12:30 Mass

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the
Gullotta Family

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Martinelli Family

10:30 a.m. Christopher Joyce – 4th Anniversary

12:30 p.m. Edward Makowski and Ann and
Daniel Fama

Monday, July 26, 2021

*Feast of Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30 a.m. Michael and Guy Bastardi and
Daniel Longo – 12th Anniversary

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

8:30 a.m. Francesca and Vincenzo Zambito

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

8:30 a.m. Pietro Canale

Thursday, July 29, 2021

Feast of St. Martha

8:30 a.m. Assunta Petrozza

8:30 a.m. Mary Bernardini -- living

Friday, July 30, 2021

*Feast of St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of
the Church*

8:30 a.m. Adriano Vieira

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest

8:30 a.m. Michael John Pellino

Saturday, July 31, 2021

Vigil: Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 p.m. Deceased Members of the Magretti,
Gallery and Bologna Families

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass for the Parishioners of
St. John the Baptist

10:30 a.m. Margaret Linton

12:30 p.m. Luigi Quintieri and
Giovanni Mesoraca

WEDDING BANNES

III. Joseph R. Curbeio and Alfreiny Stengel

II. Frank Morales and Jennifer Gomez

I. Anthony Carpentieri and Lauren Spence

WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

Penance Service – (7/31) at 4:00 p.m. – Church

Rest in Peace: Let us pray for Gennaro Fiorella who was buried from our church this past week. Our prayers go out to his family and friends.

Sacrament of Penance: Because of continuing Covid-19 restrictions we are still unable to use our confessionals for this sacrament. If you wish to receive the sacrament, please call the rectory to make an appointment. In addition on one Saturday of each month we will have a Penance Service at 4:00 p.m. in the church at which we will provide the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Our next service will be on Saturday, July 31st.**

Summer Reminders: As July comes to an end and we prepare to enter the “dog days of August”, we may begin to see a certain “casualness” enter into our spiritual and religious life. Casualness doesn’t refer only to dress. St. John’s is air conditioned – but often the number of people in church as well as the continued opening of doors can defeat our efforts to make the church comfortable. Summer dress (like shorts and short sleeve shirts) is certainly appropriate for the summer hot months. The casualness that should be avoided has to do with such things as skipping Mass, neglecting prayer, forgetting about confession, etc. It also has to do with coming to church late or leaving early – or not entering into the prayers (or hymns) of the Mass. Summer should be a time of rest and relaxation so that the body and spirit can be refreshed and renewed. Let’s never let relaxation become sloth.

Summer Mass Schedule: As we do every summer at St. John’s, our daily Mass schedule (Monday – Friday) will be changed slightly. Instead of having Mass at 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, our one daily Mass will be at 8:30 a.m. This extends until Tuesday after Labor Day (September 7th).

S.J.B. ANNOUNCEMENTS

July 25, 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: On one level, all of today's readings proclaim confidence in God's fidelity: All of us who work for the Kingdom will be guests at the eternal banquet where all will eat, and there will be some left over.

The more basic and urgent image, however, is food and the desperate need for food throughout so much of the world today. We may look forward to the heavenly banquet, but we had better work to set the earthly table here and now for those who need it.

In today's first reading (2 Kgs. 4:42-44) the prophet Elisha's action prefigures the far greater miracles Jesus will perform. In the second reading (Eph.4:1-6) St. Paul insists that in Christ we are made one because we share one faith, one baptism, because we eat His Body and drink His Blood.

Over the next few Sundays we will read from the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel and reflect on the promise of everlasting life that comes to us from Jesus, the Bread of Life. The first sign of that ultimate promise is given in today's gospel (Jn. 6:1-15) where Jesus feeds the five thousand.

This is the only one of our Lord's miracles that is recounted in all four gospels – the reason being that it clearly foreshadows an even greater miracle – the one that occurs at the Last Supper.

In both the feeding of the five thousand and the Last Supper, it is Jesus who feeds those who have gathered. From His hands comes the bread that prefigures the bread that will be shared by many with the pledge that is articulated on the following Sundays: "Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood will have life eternal." The next four Sundays provide the signs by which we shall live as we recline to eat at the feet of the Lord Jesus. We are assured that we shall have more than enough.

SPECIAL SAINTS' DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday, July 26th – Sts. Joachim and Anne

The celebration of a feast in honor of Joachim and Anne, Mary's parents, is a welcome reminder that married life is a great source of grace and happiness for those called to it. The Roman calendar of saints more often emphasizes members of the clergy or religious orders. Today's feast is also a powerful reminder that there would be no saints at all were there not good, holy, married people living out God's love in their commitment to each other.

Thursday, July 29th – St. Martha

Today we honor the sister of Mary and Lazarus. Martha was a model of hospitality, but her activism sometimes made her "anxious and worried" as Jesus reminded her (Luke 11:41). She is best remembered for her beautiful expression of faith in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God, after the death of Lazarus (John 11:25-27).

Friday, July 30th – St. Peter Chrysologus

This bishop and doctor of the Church was born in 380 A.D. in Italy. He was a man of great personal piety and was a gifted eloquent preacher (he was nicknamed "golden-mouth"). He was also a fierce defender of the faith and opponent of heresy.

Saturday, July 31st – St. Ignatius Loyola

St. Ignatius lived in the 16th century and is perhaps best known as the founder of the Jesuits. He has been named the patron saint of retreats and spiritual exercises and the community he founded has had a tremendous influence on schools and colleges all over the world. His motto is "ad majorem Dei gloriam" – for the greater glory of God.

Practical Matters:

1. The **Weekly Collection** remains absolutely essential to our parish operations. Parishioners may contribute via WeShare (go to sjbyonkers.org –look for “online Donations” on the title page) or by bringing or mailing your contribution to our rectory office or dropping it into one of the baskets in church on Sunday.
2. Throughout the summer we will continue to have only one collection; if you have two (2) envelopes on any given Sunday, please put both in the one collection.
3. Our parish office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
4. Please consult our parish website (www.sjbyonkers.org) for updates on parish events and activities.
5. Upon recommendation of the Archdiocese we will continue not filling holy water fonts; we will maintain the weekly sanitizing of the church (and sanitizing between Masses); there will be no “exchange of peace” and communion will be in the hand.
6. We continue to expect those who are not yet **vaccinated** to wear masks at all Masses and services.

Religious Education Program: 2021-2022 registration for **new families** for the St. John the Baptist Religious Education Program has begun. To obtain a New Family Registration Form (for your child): please email Stjohnthebaptistred@gmail.com. When completing the registration, a copy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate will be necessary; families must, of course, be members of our parish. Registration fees are included in the Registration materials.

A Call to Service: Our Religious Education Program at St. John’s is growing! Our Director of Religious Ed., Mrs. Angela Minchilli is looking for volunteers who would be willing to assist us in preparing our children as they grow in faith. You may be able to assist in several ways: **first** as catechists – the men and women who teach in one of our eight grades (Mrs. Minchilli will assist anyone who may need help in preparing for this); **second** as catechetical assistants who are there to help as teacher “aides”; **third** as volunteers who welcome students and parents, direct visitors to classrooms, and generally act as “trouble-shooters.” In most of these tasks, no experience is necessary – just a willingness to help. The men of the parish are especially invited to assist the program – and Seniors are most welcome! Just call Mrs. Minchilli at 914-965-2338.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (popularly known as “RCIA”) is the process designed by the Church for adults to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. The goals are to give a complete overview of Catholic teaching and practice and to begin to deepen a Christian spiritual life centered in the Sunday Scripture readings. The sacraments are received at the Easter Vigil Mass. **It is open to adults who:**

1) Have never been baptized; they would be preparing for all three sacraments. **2)** Were baptized in a non-Catholic Christian denomination who are interested in becoming Catholic; they would be preparing for Confirmation and First Communion. **3)** Were baptized Catholic but never received Confirmation and/or Communion; they would be preparing for the sacraments they have not yet received.

The 2021-2022 program at St. John’s which prepares adults (and older adolescents) to receive sacraments will begin in October. However, if you (or anyone you know) is interested in learning more about our program, please leave your name at the rectory 963-1486.

CRS Rice Bowl Update: A check in the amount of \$803.00 has been sent to Catholic Relief Services for our annual Lenten program. Many thanks to everyone who had participated to help those in need.

Renew and Rebuild – Summer 2021: Thanks to your generosity – and the faithful way you are fulfilling the pledges made over two years ago – we have been able to begin work in our parking lot area. First we needed to trim several of the trees surrounding the parking lot that were causing problems with our fence. Once that was completed work was begun on the fence itself. In an ideal world we would have replaced the fence entirely – but that proved to be very costly. We will save it for a future capital campaign (and a future pastor!) Instead we settled on a plan to make some necessary repairs and then paint our existing fence. Once we begin work on the parking lot surface, it will be necessary to close the lot for parking for several days. We regret the inconvenience but it is a necessary one. We certainly hope that the work can be completed during the week (Monday – Friday) so we will have access on the weekend. Stay tuned! As you know our parking lot serves us for folks attending church services; but during the school year it allows (weather permitting) a place for recreation for our school children after lunch and even as a place for gym class – so we want our parking lot to be in excellent condition – so we are able to meet a variety of needs in our parish.